

Eight Seek Seats on Board of Education



BURTON E. BELZER



BERT M. LYNN



STANLEY DUNN



JOHN KIRBY



LEROY HOVEY



MARJORIE JONES



JOHN NAGEL



EDGAR STEVERS

Eight candidates — including two incumbents — are seeking election to the Torrance Board of Education in balloting scheduled here next Tuesday.

Three seats are up for grabs and with one trustee retiring after two terms, at least one new member will be elected.

William J. Hanson, who has served two full terms on the board, is leaving to devote his time to his business interests. Hanson, employed by Dow Chemical Co., indicated he would not seek re-election shortly after being elected to his second term in 1965.

Incumbents seeking re-election are Burton E. Belzer, and Bert M. Lynn.

Others who have entered the race are Stanley L. Dunn, John Kirby, Leroy Hovey, Mrs. Marjorie Jones, Rev. John Nagel, and Edgar Stevers.

Belzer

Belzer was appointed to the board to complete the term of Dr. Donald E. Wilson after Dr. Wilson was elected to the Torrance City Council 1968. Belzer is seeking his first full term on the board.

The president of TCI Aluminum, Inc., of Gardena, Belzer has called himself a "representative of industry" on the board and has placed particular stress on what he calls "the tremendous opportunities for young men and women pursuing non-academic subjects."

Belzer is active in the American Field Service, the Torrance Family YMCA, the Torrance Central Little League, Cub Scouts, Pony League, and the Torrance Gardens and Plaza Homeowners' Association. He is a charter member of the Torrance Cooperative Nursery School and the

Friends of the Torrance Library and an honorary life member of the Torrance Council PTA.

IN ADDITION, he is a member of several professional associations related to his work and he has held offices, including that of president, in a number of those organizations.

Belzer and his wife Gerry are parents of three sons. They are: Mike, 19, a freshman at Cornell University; John, 17, a senior at Torrance High School; and Rick, 13, in the eighth grade at Madrona School.

Belzer has called for constructive efforts by the Board of Education to "get the finest education for all children from your tax dollar."

Specific proposals include: ● Continued emphasis on the special reading programs being developed by the Torrance schools.

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● Further refinement of the sixth, seventh, and eighth grade programs in departmentalization.

● Improvements in the counseling programs for sixth through 12th grade students.

● Increased emphasis on the vocational programs.

● Increasing the number of elective courses offered to high school students.

district of board decisions and conversely to give the board the "feedback" it needs to make intelligent decisions," Belzer said.

Lynn

Lynn, seeking his third term on the board, resides at 1208 Greenwood Ave. A resident of Torrance for the past 24 years, he has also served as president of the city's Planning Commission and is now the Torrance

representative and president of the board of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center.

Born in New York, Lynn was educated in New York public schools and holds a bachelor's degree from Alfred University in ceramic engineering.

Lynn is also active in the Southern California Planning Congress, a member of the advisory board of Little Company of Mary Hospital, and has been active in the Torrance Family YMCA, the United Jewish Welfare, Catholic Maritime Board, Little League, Pony League, and is a charter member of the Torrance chapter of the City of Hope.

His other activities include membership in the Gene Brito Fund, the Harlan Shoemaker Therapy Pool Fund, Temple Menorah, Community Chest, and Elks.

HE HAS twice served as president of the Board of Education and is a frequent speaker and panel member at state and regional meetings of educators and school board members.

"My program and platform

continues," Lynn says. "They are: 'a quality education for a reasonable tax dollar' and 'Challenge the potential of every child.'"

Among accomplishments by the present board, Lynn said, are the departmentalization of the seventh and eighth grade programs, introduction of a phonetic approach to reading, and the improvement of remedial reading programs.

Lynn also was a strong advocate of the development of the Southern California Regional Occupational Center and has worked closely with the center's staff since it was first planned.

He also has promised to continue his fight to restore a 50-50 balance between state and local financing of the public schools.

Dunn

A commercial printer and resident of Torrance for the past 12 years, Dunn is making his first bid for elective office. He has been active in numerous civic and school activities, including the successful effort to pass school bonds in 1966

and for library bonds in 1967.

Dunn is a member of the city's Youth Welfare Commission and a member and past president of the Riviera Homeowners' Association. He also is active in the American Field Service, the Educational Council of Torrance, the Friends of the Torrance Library, the YMCA, and the Riviera Little League.

A 1951 graduate of Hastings School of Law at the University of California, he also has done work at the USC School of Business Administration.

DUNN SAID he has "developed a great faith in today's young people and a faith that our public school system is doing a good job," but, he added, "there are areas for improvement."

He has called for educational stress on the need for a free democratic society and the need for rules and respect for the law and for added emphasis on the teaching of American heritage.

Dunn also wants anti-narcotics programs increased and added emphasis on remedial (See CANDIDATES, Page C-3)

'Much Ado About Nothing' Is Students' Drama Fare

Four performances of William Shakespeare's comedy, "Much Ado About Nothing," will be presented in the Campus Theatre of El Camino College by E.C. Theatre Arts students, under the direction of Dr. Howard M. Banks, beginning Friday.

Other performances are scheduled for Saturday, April 12; Friday, April 18; and Saturday, April 19. Curtain time is 8:30 p.m.

DR. BANKS has moved the setting from the Spain of Shakespeare's day to nineteenth century Spanish California to show that Shakespeare wrote for all time. Nevertheless, the language is the same!

Says Dr. Banks, "There is no great difference between the language of Shakespeare's day and that of ours. If the lines are delivered correctly, anyone can understand them."

THE PLOT revolves around the intended marriage of a valiant young soldier, Claudio, to Hero, the daughter of the governor of Messina, a marriage which is threatened by the evil plan of Don John and his henchmen.

The play also contains a subplot which centers around the merry war between Benedick, a confirmed bachelor, and Beatrice, a cousin of Hero.

MEMBERS OF the cast include Lynn Krause as Beatrice, Dan Fairchild as Benedick, Danny Moreno as Claudio, and Olivia Mendoza as Hero. Hal Hoffenberg portrays Don Pedro, and Alfred Ambrozak plays his brother Don John, while Don Hansen plays Governor Leonato and Brian Sears plays his brother Antonio.

Also included are Taylor Thompson as Balthasar, Tom McNary as Dogberry, Tim Dice as Verges, Chuck Miller

as Conrade, and John Graham as Borachio.

Waiting gentlewomen include Alana Ziegenmeyer as Margaret, Kim Anderson as Ursula, Carmen Hull, and Elaine Melvold.

FRIAR FRANCIS is played by Ward Winans, messengers by Manuel Diaz and Barry Wienstein, sexton by Joe Savery, and watches by Phil Sarazen and Robert Zinkov.

Tickets at \$2 are now on sale in the college student store. All seats are reserved.

Recruiters Set Hours

New office hours have been established for the U.S. Army Recruiting Office in Harbor City, it was announced this week.

The recruiting office, located at 25690 Frampton Ave., will be open from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday hours are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.



GETS PIN . . . Bernard Smith (left), a deputy district attorney in the Torrance office, receives a 10-year pin from District Attorney Evelle J. Younger. The award was one of three made by Younger to honor three employees who have worked for a total of 35 years. Smith lives on the Palos Verdes Peninsula.

Profile: Naomi Agnew Leavitt

She Lives in Now Time Despite Her Ancestors

Naomi Agnew Leavitt would be a big hit at a genealogy club meeting.

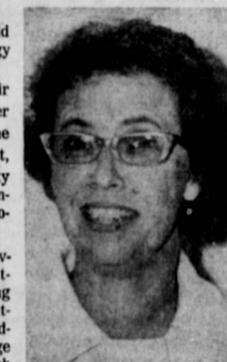
First, she could pique their interest by telling how her family had farmed the same land for five generations. Next, she could point to a weighty time or two and trace her ancestry back 300 years to Colonial times.

Finally, she could send a reverent hush over the room rattling on about how the King of England gave her great-great-great-great (?) grandfather Ninian Beall a huge landgrant that includes much of present-day Maryland and Georgetown; and how Beall built the world-famous Dumbarton Oaks estate on that landgrant; and how Beall's son George laid out and subdivided Georgetown, building sumptuous homes for each of his sons; and how Mrs. John F. Kennedy, Caroline, and John Jr. lived in one of these homes after leaving the White House.

But Naomi Agnew Leavitt is not the ancestor type. She's too much here and now. She's too inclined to throw up her hands at the whole genealogy bit and confess she gets one ancestor mixed up with another.

However, it's not unlikely that Naomi Leavitt's descendants will look back with pride on her contributions. In the 13 years Mrs. Leavitt has lived in Torrance, she's made it her business to find out what's going on around town. She's not just on the list of the Torrance League of Women Voters; she's one of the "hard core" enthusiasts who really make the organization go, serving as public relations director this year. Just ask Naomi Leavitt a question about Torrance city government. She'll probably answer the question you asked and several you forgot to ask before she's through!

Mrs. Leavitt's interest in local government paid off last June when city councilmen appointed her to the Library Commission. She's also active in Friends of the Library, and serves on both the Torrance Coordinating Council and the Crime and Delinquency Inquiry Committee of Torrance. PTA boards have counted her



NAOMI LEAVITT as a member for the past 18 years.

A native of Wellsburg, W. Va., Mrs. Leavitt's interest in public affairs goes back to college days. She attended West Liberty State College and went on to earn her degree in political science and business skills from Marshall University. After graduation the petite, blue-eyed scholar returned to her tiny Ohio River Valley hometown to teach at the high school she had attended.

Naomi Agnew Leavitt will be the first to tell you that California is great. But somehow, life in the old hometown has a different flavor, a different meaning. It offers a rooted stability that few native Californians have known.

For one thing, few westerners can claim their ancestors lived in the same California town for five generations. But back in Wellsburg, five generations hardly raises an eyebrow.

In the good old days, they built houses to last. And last they did. Both Mrs. Leavitt's mother's and father's family homes are still standing and occupied, and probably will be when many a ticky-tacky apartment house has been ripped down. These historic homes still have swells on the back porch, a vestige of the days when there was no indoor plumbing, and a "spring house" in the back yard that's as good as any modern refrigerator for chilling food. A spring house, Mrs. Leavitt explains, is a structure built over

a natural ice water spring. People are more independent in a set-up like that, Mrs. Leavitt muses. They're more self-sufficient. They could get by for months or years if outside sources of supply were cut off.

Families and neighbors are also more closely knit in a town like Wellsburg, too. Mrs. Leavitt's husband Robert also hails from Wellsburg. They've known each other all their lives.

Their three children are more geared to the California scene, of course. Daughter Jean, 22, is a UCLA graduate currently training in bacteriology at Santa Monica Hospital. Tom, 20, is studying engineering at UCLA, and Mark, 12, is a sixth grader at Riviera School.

The family left West Virginia when Mrs. Leavitt's husband was offered a job as an engineering design specialist with North American Rockwell in Downey.

The family circle couldn't be considered complete without pet poodle Titia, who sets off her gray ringlets with a psychedelic collar. Mrs. Leavitt notes that Titia celebrated her fifth birthday on St. Patrick's Day by devouring an entire horse. The Leavitts arrived at this conclusion with paper and pencil calculating the weight of a horse and then figuring Titia's daily consumption of horse meat over the past five years!

Spare time activities for Mrs. Leavitt include occasional camping trips to the Redwoods or the Canadian Rockies. She likes roughing it in a tent, but persuades the family to luxuriate in a motel every few days. Bridge is another favorite pastime, but Mrs. Leavitt candidly comments that she prefers the "male-female" type to the "ladies-only" variety.

Knowing Mrs. Leavitt's illustrious family history, it's a temptation to wonder—could it be? Is there a remote chance she could be related to Vice President Spiro Agnew on the Agnew side of her family?

Sorry, genealogy buffs. Spiro adopted the name Agnew by booting down a mile-long Greek tongue-twister. So he'll have to look elsewhere for impressive relatives like Naomi Agnew Leavitt!

ANN LANDERS

It's Just a Myth

Dear Ann Landers: I am a girl 16. I have no self-respect, no confidence, no future to look forward to. Why? Because I have a low forehead.

Three years ago a couple of my girl friends started to tell me how to wear my hair so my low forehead wouldn't be so noticeable. They suggested bangs, but it didn't help much. I still felt like the ugliest girl in town, no matter where I went. I also felt like the dumbest, because people with low foreheads, according to the reading I've done, are slow learners and have low I.Q.'s.

The first thing I notice about a person is his forehead. The groovy kids always have high foreheads. The losers have low foreheads. Like mine.

Please tell me what to do about this lousy break in life, Am I doomed? —Kid Sister of Zorba

Dear Kid: It is not true that people with high foreheads are more intelligent than people with low foreheads. This myth is in the same category as the theory that closely spaced eyes are a sign of sneakiness and a receding chin indicates weak character and a lack of initiative.

Since your low forehead is making you so miserable, I suggest that you discuss it with your parents and ask permission to go to a dermatologist. He might recommend a hair removal expert. It is possible to have your forehead "raised" by altering your hairline.

Dear Ann Landers: My mother is in her mid-50s. She is in good health and works as a registered nurse. Dad works part-time. They get behind in their bills now and then but who doesn't?

The problem is this: I am happily married to a nice guy. We are both 27. We have two pre-schoolers and only one income. There are many things we need, but we are careful and manage to get by O.K. My mother keeps telling me that according to the law, children must support their parents. Last month she handed me two bills. One was a payment on their new TV. The other was an overdue repair bill from the garage (they have two cars).

I managed to pay the bills out of the money I put away for emergencies. My husband was mad and let me know it.

If Mom and Dad were old or sick and couldn't work, I'd happily take care of them, but they make more money than my husband and are causing trouble in our marriage. Please help me. —Strapped

Dear Strapped: In some states the laws say children must feed and shelter parents if they are old and sick. I know of no law, however, that says children must pay garage bills and make TV payments for parents who have an income.

Is alcoholism a disease? How can the alcoholic be treated? Is there a cure? Read the booklet "Alcoholism—Hope and Help," by Ann Landers. Enclose 35 cents in coin with your request and a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope. Ann Landers will be glad to help you with your problems. Send them to her in care of the PRESS-HERALD, enclosing a stamped, self-addressed envelope. (c) 1969, Publishers—Hall Syndicate